



Friends and members of St. Paul's,

Martin Luther once said, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times". At the August worship services we are going to be looking at faith from several angles.

On August 6th and 7th, we will be seeing how faith is the result of an invitation and a gift from a God who says "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the water; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat."

On August 13th and 14th, we are going to encounter Peter whose faith did not come easily as he faltered after walking on the water for a time with Jesus. He got back on His faith feet as Jesus reached down and raised him up during his time of greatest need.

On August 20th and 21st in Matthew 15 we meet that rare person who was commended by Jesus for her great faith. She was a Canaanite woman who was tenaciously determined to get even crumbs of blessing from Jesus.

Finally on August 27th and 28th we see Peter who both confesses his faith in Christ and is given the keys that will keep faith plugging away in the Savior's church.

What a blessing to have Biblical characters who God uses to teach us the faith. What a blessing to have family members, friends, and church members who have modeled the faith.

Do you need a faith lift? If the answer is yes, by all means join us in August for worship.

**Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Krenz**

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

"....looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" Hebrews 12:2a

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Pastor Stephen Krenz
618-363-0121

August 18th



August Sermon Series

August 6th & 7th

"The Invitation to Faith" Isaiah 55:1-10

August 13th and 14th

"Faith over Fear" Matthew 14: 22-33

August 20th and 21st

"Tenacious Faith in a Healing Savior"
Matthew 15:21-28

August 27th and 28th

"The Keys to Faith" Matthew 16:13-20

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mission Statement:
Proclaim Christ,

Teach Christ's Word and Reflect Christ's Love to All!

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Trustees Report: STORM DAMAGE 7-1-23 ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A severe windstorm struck the City of Columbia causing damage to the property. The Trustees responded by sawing the downed limbs and stacking the wood to be removed by the city. The tree by the Goodhaven sign and the tree near the playground had limbs broken. The slats in the new PVC privacy fence at the AC units were blown out, and several playground toys were damaged, and a few other items.



**August 21st
Newsletter
Deadline** is the
3rd Monday of most
months. Please send
articles, photos, etc.
to [secretary@stpauls-
lcms.org](mailto:secretary@stpauls-lcms.org) -Thank
you for your help!

**National Ice Cream
Sandwich Day
August 2**



Official Acts of the Church

Wedding: Stephen & Sydnie Twillmann
July 22, 2023





LWML/LADIES LEAGUE

A patriotic setting of red, white, and blue greeted us in the Fellowship Hall

at our July 6th meeting, which also, included strawberry desserts provided by our hostesses, Marilyn S., Deb E., and Kathy S. Nancy R. led a devotion entitled "Living in Joy...Living in Christian Freedom."

Following the common table prayer, we enjoyed the lunches we brought and the provided desserts. Steven Howell, a retired Secret Service Agent, talked to us about his career, the political figures he met, and the countries he traveled to as a protector of our government leaders.

The **August 3rd meeting will begin at 11:30 (bring your own lunch)** in the Fellowship Hall. Doris M. and Marilyn M. will be our hostesses. Scott Peery will be our guest speaker.

LWML News (For our members and Mailbox Members)

SID Fall Retreat will be held at Mariners Village, Carlyle, IL on Sept. 30, 2023. Retreat cost is \$15.00 and there are registration forms available on the LWML bulletin board. The **Metro South Zone board** is planning an event for the fall. More information will follow.

You are always welcome to join us at our meetings, events, service projects, or just to visit. For more information, contact Wanda at 618-281-4691

LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Comforts of Love Quilters—Tuesdays

Quilters meet Tuesdays from 9 am to 10:30 am.

Please join us! We have "sew" much fun!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

The Ladies League and the Comforts of Love sewing group wishes to extend HUGE thanks to all who donated material, blankets, sheets, table cloths, batting, embroidery floss and more recently!

We appreciate your kindness and generosity for the donations. We will use these items to make comforts for Lutheran World Relief and/or Orphan Grain Train. Please continue to remember our needs when you

are cleaning out your closets or buying new sheets.

**Thank you
for all your support!**



August 25th



National Banana Split Day

Sunday Fellowship Potluck

Hosts: Women's Ministry

Our **next Sunday Potluck** will be **August 27th**, in the Fellowship Hall following the Bible Study/SS hour.

Women's Ministry will continue to provide an entrée, as well as beverage, and ask that members attending bring side dishes and desserts to share.

Sweet Corn Ice Cream

- 3 Ears fresh sweet corn husks removed
- 2 cups Whole milk
- 8 Large egg yolks
- 3/4 cup Granulated sugar
- 2 cups Heavy cream
- 1/4 tsp Salt

www.celebrationgeneration.com/sweet-corn-ice-cream/

WOMEN's Ministry

The Women's Ministry generally meets on the **third Monday of each month**. (8/21) Please join us at **6:30** in the Fellowship Hall.



OOPS – Order Your T-Shirt NOW!!

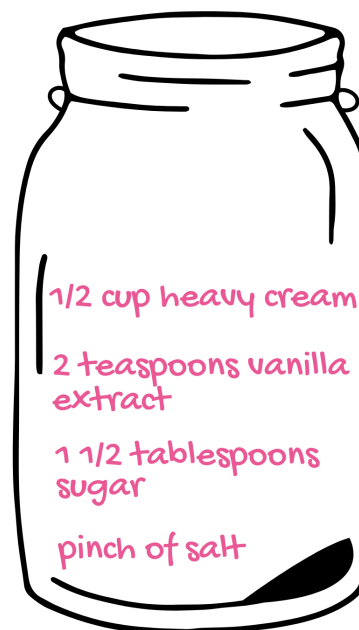
They are a beautiful blue. They have our church's name on the front, its picture on the back, and your Board of Christian Outreach strongly encourages you to order one for yourself and every member of your family. Why? Because having many St. Paul members proudly wear them around town and to church activities reminds us of the GO and BE mission Jesus has given us and tells others who see us that we as a church family take this outreach task proudly and seriously.

You will find a picture of the T-shirt in the church lobby along with a signup sheet for your name and size. Yes, they cost about \$10 each. Yes, you are invited to make a contribution in any amount to help pay for them. But, don't let the cost deter you from ordering one. You're just wearing it is worth the cost of this new outreach effort.

OOPS—Just our latest outreach opportunity suggestion!



mason jar ice cream



ADD THE INGREDIENTS INTO AN 8-OUNCE MASON JAR & SHAKE IT FOR 3 MINUTES. FREEZE IT FOR 3 HOURS & SERVE!

CUSTOMIZE IT!

ADD THE BELOW BEFORE SHAKING & FREEZING THE MIXTURE

COOKIES & CREAM

- 3 CRUSHED OREO COOKIES

MINT CHOCOLATE CHIP

- 1/2 TEASPOON MINT EXTRACT
- 1/4 CUP CHOCOLATE CHIPS
- 1 DROP GREEN NATURAL FOOD COLORING IF DESIRED.

STRAWBERRY

- 1/3 CUP DICED STRAWBERRIES
- 1 DROP RED NATURAL FOOD COLORING IF DESIRED.

Sunday,
September
10, after
Labor Day
weekend, we will return
to 2 services on Sundays
at 8 am and 10:30 am
and continue Monday
evening services on 9/11
at 6:30 pm.

Friendly
Reminder



August 21st

National Spumoni Day!

FOOD pantry

Food Pantry News... We are continuing to have the pantry open three times each month. We are seeing and serving new families all the time. Thank you for your help!

(from the July Voters mtg report:

- For the second quarter there were 26 additional families and 104 additional people.
- Our food supply is dwindling. Waiting for the Boy Scout drive in November.
- We have pared down our selection list by some to minimize the shopping.
- Meat delivery from Schuberts is going well, We have been averaging about 1 a month.
- All donations from Hope food pantry have stopped, so we are buying more fresh food. As a result, spending is up.
- We have received several monetary donations that have helped to offset that.
- We received a large food donation from the US Postal service, and also about 100 lbs of food from Caliber Collision.

August Dates:

8/2 8/9 8/16

Current Pantry

Needs:

Peanut Butter
Coffee

Call 281-4600 for assistance on all other days.



Calling all Young Adults, ages 19-35 , who are:

- In search of a community of faithful young adults
- Want to be a part of a group that encourages and lifts one another up as fellow image bearers of Christ
- Looking for the opportunity to study God's word, fellowship and participate in community service

WHEN: **Friday, 11 August 2023 @ 6pm**
 WHERE: **Gateway Grizzlies Ballpark — Sauget**
 COST: **\$9/ticket (group rate for 20+)**
 RSVP: **By 8 August to Deaconess Intern Dawn**

Werner @ wernerd@holycross-collinsville.org

Bring a blanket for picnic seating in the lawn area; a mitt to catch foul balls and an openness to meeting new friends. Added bonus is supporting the Holy Cross Lutheran School kids who will be singing the National Anthem.



Adult Education

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Meet w/ us at 7:15 am in the Narthex. All men welcome. We are studying the Old Testament, Epistle and Gospel readings for the following Sunday.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study are on Hiatus until this fall.

Pastor Krenz is planning to start a Fall Bible Study

either at the church or in homes on Wednesday evenings. Please talk to him about your interest. So far he has heard from 5 individuals.

Fridays, once a month It's Some of the PSALMS in 2023 We're going to be studying some of the Psalms in our first Friday of the month-Not Just for Couples Bible Study Group. *We will next meet Friday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Before class preparation is strongly encouraged. Adults of any age are welcome. Please contact Pastor Sievers (314-882-2097 or pastorsievers@yahoo.com)

Adult Inquirers Class Fall: Sunday, September 17th at 4pm:

This 10 week class is for those interested in learning more about what Lutherans teach and or about joining this congregation. This class involves an overview of core Christian teachings on sin, grace, Christ, Prayer, law and gospel, the church, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. If your or someone you know might be interested contact Pastor Krenz at 618-363-0121.

High School/College Age Confirmation:

If you or someone you know is in High School and/or college and interested in learning more about the church and/or becoming a member and have not already been confirmed contact Pastor Krenz. He can meet via zoom or in person with those who have not already been confirmed or who have never been part of a church or who have another church background.

Coming in the Fall:

Consider joining us on Sunday mornings as we will be starting a "What does the Bible Say about....." class from 9:15-10:15am. Each week the topic will be different. Some of these topics include Worry/Stress, Grief, Marriage, parenting, finding your life's purpose(s), the Roman Catholic Church, Non-Denominational Churches, LGBTQ, and life after death. Our goal is to have 30-35 adults each week at this study. Watch next month's newsletter for more details.

2023 Youth Event Calendar

AUGUST 6th -Rise Against Hunger at Church

Sunday, August 6th we once again participate in **"Assembling Food"** to feed many overseas. This year our goal is to assemble our 12,000 meals with the cost running around \$5000. Please consider donating to help with this cost. **Make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran and in memo put Rise Against Hunger.**

Work Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Feel free to invite guests.

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

CELEBRATING
25
Years
1998-2023

August 13th

Middle School Back to School Ice Cream Social at Fellowship Hall (6-7:30)

Fall Junior Confirmation

Classes: The tentative date to start these classes for students 5th-7th grade is September 6th at 6pm.



See the full calendar at
<https://stpauls-lcms.org/youth.html>



National
ROOT BEER FLOAT DAY
August 6th



Summer Bible and Small Catechism Reading Program

This summer I (Pastor Krenz) would invite you to join me in a daily reading program that will involve four books in the New Testament, a daily Psalm, and the book of Acts.

✚ **Every week** I will be providing you with background information and devotional thoughts on the various readings. These weekly updates will be sent out in my weekly email note each Friday with extra printed copies that will be available in the narthex (church entryway).

✚ **In addition**, congregational members and friends are invited to take out their catechisms (any version will do) and join with me in prayerfully reflecting on 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus, the Lord's Supper, Thoughts on Worship and Angels, and the Articles of Augsburg's Confession. *Additional reading/meditating on the catechism is encouraged by looking at the explanation to each topic which is found in the latter 4/5ths of each catechism.

Here is the Schedule for August.

Tues 8/1	Eph 3:14-21	Psalm 38:1-12	Lord's Supper Thoughts
Wed 8/2	Eph 4:1-15	Psalm 38:13-22	Lord's Supper Thoughts
Thurs 8/3	Eph 4:17-32	Psalm 39:1-5	Thoughts on Worship
Fri 8/4	Eph 5:1-14	Psalm 39:6-13	Thoughts on Worship
Sat 8/5	Eph 5:15-21	Psalm 40:1-10	Explanation of Luther's Seal
Sun 8/6 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 8/7	Eph 5:22-33	Psalm 40:11-17	Thoughts on Angels
Tues 8/8	Eph 6:1-9	Psalm 41	Augsburg Confession Article 1 God
Wed 8/9	Eph 9:10-24	Psalm 42	Augsburg Conf Article 2 Original Sin
Thurs 8/10	1 Thess 1	Psalm 43	Augsburg Conf Article 3 Son of God
Fri 8/11	1 Thess 2:1-12	Psalm 44:1-14	Augsburg Conf Article 4 Justification
Sat 8/12	1 Thess 2:13-20	Psalm 44:15-26	Augsburg Conf Article 5 The Ministry
Sun 8/13 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 8/14	1 Thess 3	Psalm 45	Augsburg Conf Article 6 Obedience
Tues 8/15	1 Thess 4:1-12	Psalm 46	Augsburg Conf Article 7 The Church
Wed 8/16	1 Thess 13-18	Psalm 47	Augs Conf Art. 8 What the Church is
Thurs 8/17	1 Thess 5:1-11	Psalm 48	Augsburg Conf Article 9 Baptism
Fri 8/18	1 Thess 5:12-28	Psalm 49:1-11	Augs Conf Article 10 The Lord's Sup-
Sat 8/19	2 Thess 1	Psalm 49:12-20	Augs Conf Article 11 Confession
Sun 8/20 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 8/21	2 Thess 2:1-12	Psalm 50	Augs Conf Article 12 Repentance
Tues 8/22	2 Thess 2:13-17	Psalm 51:1-13	Augs Conf Article 13 Use of Sacraments
Wed 8/23	2 Thess 3	Psalm 51:14-19	Augs Conf Article 14 Order in the Church
Thurs 8/24	Titus 1:1-4	Psalm 52	Augs Conf Article 15 Church Ceremo-
Fri 8/25	Titus 1:5-16	Psalm 53	Augs Conf Article 16 Civil Gov
Sat 8/26	Titus 2:1-10	Psalm 54	Augs Conf Art 17 Christ's Return for
Sun 8/27 Join with fellow believers in public worship. Catch Up			
Mon 8/28	Titus 2:11-15	Psalm 55:1-14	Augs Conf Article 18 Free Will
Tues 8/29	Titus 3:1-11	Psalm 55:15-23	Augs Conf Art 19 Cause of Sin
Wed 8/30	Titus 3:12-15	Psalm 56	Augs Conf Art 20 Good Works
Thurs 8/31	Jude	Psalm 57	Augs Conf Art 21 Worship of the Saints



National Creamsicle Day

www.NationalDayCalendar.com

August 14



Thank You:

A special thank you to **Kathy Stechmesser** who for many years and seasons has served this church well for a time as secretary, later as congregational treasurer, and in countless other ways. Her organizational skills have been put to good use in a variety of projects, and her attention to detail has been a blessing for us here at St. Paul's. Kathy has lightened her load a bit, and will not be serving any longer as congregational Treasurer.

For questions or needs with financial or budgetary items, please see **Lisa Schmidt**.

The Finance Board is looking for someone to handle the bookkeeping tasks for the church. Approximately 25 hours per month. Anyone interested can contact **Pastor Krenz, Dave Greatting, or Lisa Schmidt**



August 26

National Cherry Popsicle Day
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Name	Last Name	Street	City	State	Zip	Home Phone
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JoAnn	Byerley	Cedarhurst	Waterloo	IL	62298	
Marge	Drexler	30 Fieldcrest	Columbia	IL	62236	(618) 281-6629
John	Hertz	210 East Mulberry, Apt. 1	Columbia	IL	62236	
Virginia	Jeffery	Cedar Hurst	Waterloo	IL	62298	(314) 608-8035
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Shirley	Kramer	7 Pinehurst	Columbia	IL	62236	(618) 281-7288
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Patsy	Powell	449 Burroughs Court	Columbia	IL	62236	(618) 334-0239
Ellavee	Pulcher	Integrity Healthcare 253 Bradington	Columbia	IL	62236	(618) 476-7303
Juanita	Ritter	20 Ritter Road	Columbia	IL	62236	(618) 281-7234



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES	Anniversary	1 Rick & Lisa Schmidt	2 Duke Chandler Kathy Stechmesser Bob & Barb Schneider	3 Carl Maschmeyer	4	5 Steve Toolen, Sr.
		Ice Cream Sandwich Day Aug. 2				
		6 Root Beer Float Day Aug. 6	7 Charles E. Farris, Jr Bob Schneider Tom & Dana Keeven	8 Gregory & Robyn Woolley	9 Melissa Raney Robert Roessler, Jr	10 Lindsey Eckert Heather Heck Trey Search
13 Conner Crank Kyle Peery	14 Laura Ford Creamsicle Day Aug. 14	15 Travis Busch Jessica Raney	16 Gail Morrow	17 Wanda Gross Clark Mathews Marilyn Miller	18 Dianne Bierman Joe Louis Mitzi Ottwell Scott & Jamie Moeslein	19 Jonathan & Diane Busch Michael & Kelli Hofstetter
20 Anna Eytchison Ashlyn Farris	21 Cole Sackman Spumoni Day Aug. 21	22 Brad Roessler	23 Clayton Camp Colston Camp	24 Jason Woodcock	25 Banana Split Day Aug. 25	26 Mike Arras Robin Lacefield Hayley Offermann Steve & Leslie Eckert
27 Don Greer Brittany Stahr Doc & Michelle Kleinschmidt	28	29 Roger Stechmesser	30 Karla Elms Alexis Grandt Mia Sackman	31 Stephanie Wilmotte	Cherry Popsicle Day Aug. 26	

National Frozen Custard Day August 8
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>*** Dates, times, & locations subject to change. Additional activities may be added at a later date. For the most up-to-date calendar listing, go to: stpauls-icms.org then click on the "calendar" tab. ***</p>		<p>1 Men's Bible Study 7:15 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Youth mtg 7 pm Board of Ed mtg</p>	<p>2 Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm</p>	<p>3 Ladies League 11:30 am</p>	<p>4 Bible Study @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) <u>10:15—11 am</u> -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing Rise Against Hunger Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>7 Count (Team 3) 6:30 pm Divine Service</p>	<p>8 Men's Bible Study 7:15 Pastor Circuit Mtg 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Trustees, Communication 7 pm Elders</p>	<p>9 Food Pantry 4-6 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Pastor Sievers Evening Bible Class Psalms 6:30 pm</p>	<p>12 Fellowship Hall Rental Tomlinson 12-6 pm</p>
<p>13 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) <u>10:15—11 am</u> -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm</p>	<p>14 Count (Team 1) Divine Service 6:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Men's Bible Study 7:15 am 9 am Quilters 4 pm Stewardship Mtg</p>	<p>16 7:30 am Rotary Business Mtg In Fellowship Hall Food Pantry 1:30—3 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Worship @ Bria Nursing Home 2 pm</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) <u>10:15—11 am</u> -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm -Sunday School</p>	<p>21 Count (Team 2) Divine Service 6:30 pm Women's Ministry 6:30 pm Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>22 Men's Bible Study 7:15 9 am Quilters Noon - Columbia Clergy</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9 am Newsletter Folders</p>	<p>25 10 am Worship at The Grande</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Divine Service 9 am (Sanctuary) <u>10:15—11 am</u> -Adult Bible Class in Fellowship Hall -Youth Bible Study - Youth Rm -Sunday School -SS Wing 11:15 am Church Potluck</p>	<p>28 Count (Team 3) 6:30 pm Divine Service</p>	<p>29 Pre-School Open House</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		

AUGUST

August 19 NATIONAL DAY
#SoftIceCreamDay

National Soft Ice Cream Day
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